

# God Helps Gideon Defeat the Midianites

Judges 6:1-16; 7:1-24

Bible Truth Sleuth

## LESSON 1

### BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

The Israelites had been brutally bullied and attacked for many years, until they remembered to seek God. God heard their cries for help and raised up Gideon to lead them to victory over their enemies. Through Gideon's repeated doubting and insecurities, God showed Gideon that the victory over the Midianites, Amalekites, and eastern peoples was because of God's almighty power and not the Israelites'. God chose to use only 300 men, who broke water pitchers and blew trumpets to scatter the enemy, and to give the land of Canaan to the nation of Israel.

**Bible Point:** We can trust God with the future.

**Key Verse:** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

## Trumpet of Trust



Battle  
Lines

Ask your  
family members to

think of times in their lives they were worried about something but God helped them get through it. Write or draw these worries with a white crayon on a piece of black or red construction paper.

Now use any color crayon and a white piece of paper to draw what happened when God took care of those worries. Then glue or tape the pages back-to-back so you can see the worries on one side and how you trusted God on the other.

When you've finished with your project, talk about how God will be with your family in the future. Then ask each family member to think of a one-line prayer to thank God for taking care of the future.



## What's Our Future?

Create your own family timeline, and include what each family member would like to see happen in the future. On a sheet of newsprint or butcher paper, first write Mom and Dad's wedding date. Then on the timeline, place the day each child in the family was born. After adding everyone's birthday, insert other important events into the timeline. You may want to cut out pictures from magazines and glue them to the timeline to add color and dimension.

After you've completed your family timeline to the current date, give each family member a separate sheet of paper and have him or her write future events that he or she expects to happen, such as graduations, vacations, and special birthdays. Then have each person write events he or she hopes will happen, such as college, jobs, mission trips, or weddings. Add each of these papers to the timeline.

When you've completed the current and future timeline, pray together as a family, committing to trust God with the future events.

THE WORD  
FOR THE  
WEEK

## MONDAY Psalm 9:10

Consider a time you needed help from God. How did he help you?

## TUESDAY Psalm 37:7

What's one thing you can do when kids bully you?

## WEDNESDAY Psalm 56:3-5

What can you do when other kids lie about you or want to hurt you?

## THURSDAY Proverbs 3:5

How can we trust God?

## FRIDAY Nahum 1:7

Where can you go when you feel afraid?

## SATURDAY Psalm 32:10

Have you ever felt God's unfailing love surround you? How can you have God's unfailing love surround you?

Daily  
Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Every time God provides something for you, create a thank-you card for God. Hang the cards in your room to remind you of all the ways God has provided for you in the past and that you can trust him with your future.
- Ask an adult to share about a time he or she knew God was in control of the future.
- Spend some time each day worshipping God because he takes care of you and your family. Thank God for your future.

## PARENT STUMPER

Q: How many men were first told to leave Gideon's army?

A: 22,000

